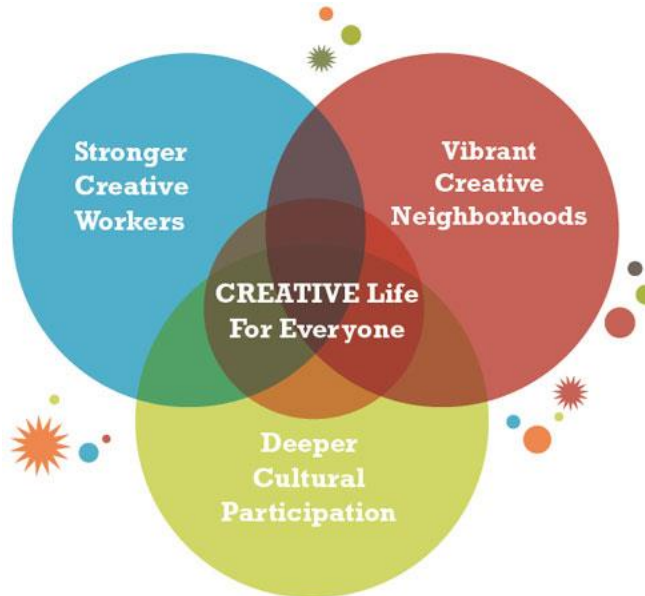




**MISSION: DRIVE A VIBRANT AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS**



**AGENCY REPORT**

for

December 17, 2015

Metro Office Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Davidson Conference Room  
800 2nd Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners: Jane Alvis, Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Laurie Eskin, Matt Fisher, Mohamed-Shukri Hassan, Clay Haynes, Larry Keeton, Meg MacFadyen, Joseph (Pepe) Presley, Stephanie Pruitt, Marielena Ramos, Paula Roberts, Hope Stringer, Santi Tefel, and Sherry West

## **Overall Action Items**

### ***THRIVE Proposal***

#### **Strategic Goal: Increase Resources for the Creative Ecosystem**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Training/Tool</b>	<b>Policy/Research</b>	<b>Partnership</b>
THRIVE After-Hours Shop Talk - Dec 15	NEA Learning Lab in Planning stages	Launch Make A Mark Loan Fund Formally with Housing Fund	Finalize Periscope Partnership for 2016
MCI FY17 application reviewed by Budget Committee and Council		Music Makes Us Advisory Meeting with Mayor	Work with Mayor's ECD office on new small business job description
One THRIVE Proposal up for recommendation		Local Study Partner for Arts & Economic Prosperity V Report	Honored former CM Ronnie Steine at Arts Coalition Council Breakfast
Developing 2016 Poetry in Motion program			

#### **Strategic Goal: Cultivate Equity in the Creative Ecosystem**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Training/Tool</b>	<b>Policy/Research</b>	<b>Partnership</b>
Carlton Turner Public Lecture Scheduled – Jan 13	FY17 Grants Program Changes Webinar Dec 8	Public Art Community Investment Plan	Participated in Mayor's Youth Violence Summit Dec 14
FY17 Grants Program Guidelines Released	Metro Arts Office Hour Dec 15		Assisted with Selection of new Youth Poet Laureate Dec 5
Our Town Final Performance/Events at OZ			
Racial Equity in Arts Leadership learning cadre met on Dec 9			
Arts Buzz released on November 20, 2015 to 1,112 recipients.			
Artist Directory comprised of 360 profiles			

#### **Strategic Goal: Improve Neighborhood Creative Infrastructure**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Training/Tool</b>	<b>Policy/Research</b>	<b>Partnership</b>
	Consulting with neighborhood artists, council members and community leaders about THRIVE	Met with Mayor's Office about release of <i>Culture Here</i> Report	Working with Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods & Community Engagement on Youth Violence Summit
			Vanderbilt DEBUT Engineering School Maker Symposium

## Strategic Goal: Lead By Example

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
	Staff Training on Culture, Oppression & Privilege		
	Title VI Coordinator Training Laurel Fisher		

## Monthly Updates

### Public Art

- **Stix** - Work continues on site to complete the sculptural installation. The contractor has completed installation of 16 poles. Four more are scheduled to go in this week. Lighting work will follow and landscaping is scheduled for spring.
- **Witness Walls** - Artist is completing final drawings and negotiating permissions for use of images, music and contracts with concrete contractors for fabrication and installation. Installation is expected in summer 2016.
- **Bike Racks** - Fabrication is underway on four new racks.
- **NEA Our Town Grant/Learning Lab** - Working to finalize contracts with project partners. Curriculum design and planning will ramp up in January. The Learning Lab is scheduled for summer 2016.
- **Public Art Community Investment Plan** - Planning for second visit with consultants in January/early February.

### Grants

- **Metro Arts Grants** - FY17 Grants Program Guidelines were released on December 2. The guidelines were emailed to grantees and posted to the Metro Arts website. A webinar highlighting a number of the changes for the next fiscal year was recorded and posted to the website. The Community Engagement Team continues to develop a revised scoring rubric and grant application. These will be released to current and new grantees the beginning of January 2016.
- **ABC Grants** -The ABC (Arts Builds Community) grants, for which Metro Arts is the designated agency, are being monitored. There are 4 completed projects to date.

### THRIVE

- **To date**, there have been 32 inquiries about THRIVE. The Nashville Walls Project is the current action item. Potential applicants have been actively coached and recruited. The Community Engagement Team will host an After Work Shop Talk in Antioch, December 15, 2015. "Henna Art and Bollywood Dance Junction" and "Facing Nashville" project are currently being executed.

### Public Programs

- **Our Town** - The second and final phase of the project concluded with a four-day, three-night artist residency at OZ Arts Nashville. The residency included hosting field trip groups during the day and participatory art-making events in the evenings. Each of the three evening events had a unique theme, including "Shoe Stamp Dancing", "Game Night" and "World's Largest Dance Party."
- **Racial Equity in Arts Leadership (REAL) Learning Cadre** - The cadre had their third meeting on December 9 at the Curb Center. "Living at the Nexus of Arts, Culture, and Social Justice," an interactive public talk with Alternative Roots executive director, Carlton Turner, is scheduled for January 13, 2016 at Noah Liff Opera Center.

- **Artober Nashville** - Kia Jarmon (MEPR Agency) produced an Artober Nashville 2015 Social Media Impact and Analytics Report about our social media engagement for this year's celebration. Rebecca and Jen are meeting with a new potential presenting sponsor in January.

## Operations

- **New Commissioner** Mohamad-Shukri Hassan was elected in December. He will start with Commission in January.
- **Budget** - Metro Arts has submitted early budget requests to Finance Director and Chief Operating Officer and will have preliminary meeting on 12/16 to discuss needs/requests.
- **Arts & Economic Prosperity V Report** - Metro Arts is one of 25 local study partners working with the Tennessee Arts Commission to collect current data on the economic impact of the non-profit arts and culture industry in Tennessee. The report is an initiative of Americans for the Arts to measure the national economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences. Surveys will be collected throughout calendar year 2016. The results of the study will be released in June of 2017.

## Financial Report

FY2016 Summary Report as of 12/14/2015				
	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Total Salaries	\$403,400	\$170,231	\$233,169	
Total Fringes	\$148,900	\$56,803	\$92,097	
Total Operational	\$174,500	\$53,423	\$121,077	
Total Internal Services	\$33,300	\$16,181	\$17,119	
Total TAC MCI Grant (Operating)	\$65,500	\$19,270	\$46,230	
Total TAC ABC Admin	\$4,440	\$0	\$4,440	
Total TAC ABC Re grants	\$25,160	\$11,537	\$13,623	
Total Metro Arts Grant Contributions	\$1,910,200	\$1,524,374	\$385,826	
TOTALS For FY2016	\$2,765,400	\$1,851,819	\$913,581	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Special Purpose Fund	\$73,235	\$13,198	\$60,037	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Convention Fund	\$37,566	\$0	\$37,566	

## **Financial Report**

<b>Percent for Public Art Fund Report</b>	
12/14/2015	
<b>Revenues</b>	
Capital Spending Plan 2001	\$473,991
Capital Spending Plan 2002	\$413,319
Capital Spending Plan 2003	\$1,164,191
Capital Spending Plan 2005	\$487,367
Capital Spending Plan 2006	\$643,311
Capital Spending Plan 2007	\$1,253,687
Capital Spending Plan 2008	\$647,050
Capital Spending Plan 2009	\$1,267,300
MTA Bus Stop Credit for Twenty Eighth Avenue Connector	\$29,772
Capital Spending Plan 2011, 2013	\$2,568,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,948,488</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$5,554,973)</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,393,515</b>
<b>Encumbrances</b>	
Funds Assigned to Bellevue Library	(\$45,998)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 2	(\$7,976)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 3	(\$246,550)
Funds Assigned to Civil Rights Public Art Project	(\$119,838)
Funds Assigned to Community Reinvestment Plan	(\$145,000)
Funds Assigned to KVB	(\$331,940)
Funds Assigned to Madison Park Community Center	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to Our Town Project (Bryce McCloud)	(\$25,672)
Funds Assigned to Public Square - Civil Rights Project	(\$369,629)
Funds Assigned to Smith Springs Park	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to West Riverfront Park	(\$134,647)
Funds Assigned to Capital Maintenance	(\$50,000)
Funds Assigned to Staff Administration	(\$238,083)
<b>Total Encumbrances</b>	<b>(\$1,911,332)</b>
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$1,482,183</b>

## **Media Links**

### **Public Art**

The Tennessean, December 10, 2015, [Bryce McCloud Takes Portraiture to New Heights at OZ Arts](#)

Style Blueprint, December 4, 2015, [Nashville Has the World's Largest What?](#)

### **Community Engagement**

WPLN, December 7, 2015, [Graffiti Artist's Passion Is Transforming A North Nashville Neighborhood's Walls](#)

Nashville Arts Critic, December 13, 2015, [A Nashville Arts Critic Conversation With New Nashville Mayor Megan Barry](#)

## **Important Dates**

**Thurs & Fri, Dec 24 & 25**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Metro Holiday – Christmas Eve/Christmas Day**

**Fri, Jan 1, 2016**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Metro Holiday – New Year's Day**

**Tues, Jan 5, 2016**

**Noon**

**Grants Committee meeting**

**Wed, Jan 13, 2016**

**5:30pm**

**Carlton Turner Presentation at Noah Liff Opera Center**

**Thurs, Jan 14, 2016**

**1:30pm**

**Public Art Committee (PAC) meeting**

**Mon, Jan 18, 2016**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Metro Holiday – Martin Luther King Day**

**Thurs, Jan 21, 2016**

**Noon**

**Metro Arts Commission meeting**